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A FORM of PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING TO ALMIGHTY GOD;

TO BE USED

In all Churches and Chapels throughout *England*, the Dominion of *Wales*, and the Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*, on *Thurſday* the Twenty-third Day of *April*, being the Day appointed by Proclamation for a General THANKSGIVING to Almighty God, for the ſignal Interpoſition of His good Providence in delivering our moſt Gracious Sovereign from the ſevere Illneſs with which he hath been afflicted.

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¶ *The Service ſhall be the ſame with the uſual Office for Holy-days, except where it is in this Office otherwiſe appointed.*

¶ *Let him that miniſtereth read with a loud Voice theſe Sentences of Scripture; and after them the Exhortation,* Dearly beloved Brethren, *&c.*

THE Lord is my Light, and my Salvation, whom then ſhall I fear; the Lord is the ſtrength of my life, of whom then ſhall I be afraid? *Pſalm* xxvii. 1.

My heart truſted in Him and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth, and with my ſong will I praiſe Him. *Pſalm* xxviii. 7.

The Lord liveth, and bleſſed be my ſtrong helper: and praiſed be the God of my Salvation. *Pſ.* xviii. 47.

¶ *Inſtead of the* Venite.

O Lord, Thou art my God; I will exalt Thee, I will praiſe Thy Name; for Thou haſt done wonderful Things: Thy Counſels of old are faithfulneſs and truth. *Iſaiah* xxv. 1.

I will go into Thine houſe with Burnt Offerings; I will pay Thee my Vows, which I promiſed with my lips and ſpake with my mouth, when I was in trouble. Pſalm lxvi. 12.

O come hither and hearken all ye that fear God; and I will tell you what He hath done for my Soul. *Pſalm* lxvi. 14.

For Thou haſt delivered my Soul from death, and my Feet from falling: that I may walk before God in the light of the Living. Pſalm lvi. 13.

Behold, happy is the Man whom God correcteth: therefore deſpiſe not Thou the chaſtening of the Almighty. *Job* v. 17.

At that day ſhall a Man look to his Maker; and his Eyes ſhall have reſpect to the Holy One of Iſrael. Iſaiah xvii. 7.

For He maketh ſore and bindeth up: He woundeth and his hands make whole. *Job* v. 18.

The King ſhall rejoice in Thy Strength, O Lord; exceeding glad ſhall he be of Thy Salvation. Pſ. xxi. 1.

Thou haſt given him his heart's deſire: and haſt not denied him the requeſt of his lips. *Pſ.* xxi. 2.

Thus

Thus ſaith the Lord; In an acceptable time have I heard Thee, and in a day of Salvation have I helped Thee. Iſaiah xlix. 8.

Now know I that the Lord helpeth his Anointed, and will hear him from his Holy Heaven, even with the wholeſome Strength of his Right Hand. *Pſ.* xx. 6.

Bleſſed be the Lord God of Iſrael from everlaſting, and world without end: and let all the People ſay, Amen. *Pſalm* cvi. 46.

¶ *At the End of the Hymn add,*

Glory be to the Father, *&c.*
As it was in the beginning, &c.

¶ *Proper Pſalms,* XXXIV, CIII.

¶ *Firſt Leſſon,* Iſaiah XII.

Te Deum.

¶ *Second Leſſon,* Romans XIII.

Jubilate Deo.

¶ *The Creed,* &c. *to the End of the Lord's Prayer.*

¶ *Then the Prieſt, ſtanding up, ſhall ſay,*

Prieſt. O Lord, ſhew thy mercy upon us;
Anſw. *And grant us thy ſalvation.*
Prieſt. O Lord, ſave the King;
Anſw. *Who putteth his truſt in Thee.*
Prieſt. Send him help from thy Holy Place;
Anſw. *And evermore mightily defend him.*

Prieſt.

Prieſt. Endue thy miniſters with righteouſneſs;
Anſw. *And make thy choſen people joyful.*
Prieſt. O Lord, ſave thy people;
Anſw. *And bleſs thine inheritance.*
Prieſt. Give peace in our time, O Lord;
Anſw. *Becauſe there is none other that fighteth for us, but only Thou, O God.*
Prieſt. O God, make clean our hearts within us;
Anſw. *And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

¶ *Inſtead of the Firſt Collect for Morning Prayer, ſhall be uſed theſe two which follow.*

O Lord God, Merciful and Gracious, the ſtrength of thoſe who put their truſt in Thee; we adore Thy Fatherly Goodneſs which hath been our ſupport and refuge in the time of our affliction. We acknowledge with great humility, that by reaſon of our Tranſgreſſions we are unworthy of all Thy Bleſſings. But thou declareſt thy Almighty power moſt chiefly by ſhewing Mercy and Pity: and it hath pleaſed Thee to have regard unto the Supplications of thy Servants, and to reſtore the voice of joy and health in our dwellings. We deſire therefore humbly to preſent to Thy Divine Majeſty our grateful Sacrifice of Thankſgiving.

Let the Prayers and Praiſes this day offered unto Thee, O God, be acceptable in Thy ſight. Pour into our hearts, we beſeech Thee, thoſe holy diſpoſitions which become the ſolemn remembrance and devout acknowledgement of Thy Mercies; giving us

Grace to repent ourſelves unfeignedly of our Sins, and to live in true faith and conſtant obedience to Thy Law through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

O God, whoſe Providence extendeth to all, even to the meaneſt of Thy Creatures, but is moſt graciouſly viſible in watching over the Perſons of Princes; we give Thee moſt hearty Thanks and Praiſe as for all Thy Mercies vouchſafed unto Thy Servant our Sovereign, ſo eſpecially for his late happy deliverance from the ſevere Illneſs with which he hath been afflicted. Confirm, O Lord, we beſeech Thee, the Recovery which Thou haſt wrought in him. Thou haſt been his Succour; leave him not, neither forſake him, O God of our Salvation; but give him the comfort of Thy help and ſtabliſh him with Thy Spirit. Let Thy Wiſdom be his guide and Thine Arm ſtrengthen him; continue him a nurſing Father to Thy Church, and Thy Miniſter for Good to all his Subjects. Grant that he may long poſſeſs the hearts of his People, and that they may never be wanting in honour to his Perſon, and due obedience to his lawful Authority. Let his reign be happy, and his days be lengthened; and proſper all his undertakings for Thy glory and the welfare of the Realm. Crown him with all Temporal and Spiritual bleſſings in this life, and bring him to Thine everlaſting Glory in the life to come. Extend Thy merciful protection, O Lord, to his Royal Houſe, to the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family: Perpetuate

tuate the Happineſs of his Government in his Childrens Children; and let their Throne be as the Sun before Thee. Let Truth, and Piety, and Peace, and every Chriſtian Virtue flouriſh under their Care; ſo that we and our Poſterity being ſtill the objects of Thy mercy and loving-kindneſs may give Thee thanks for ever, and praiſe Thy Name from Generation to Generation, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

¶ *Then ſhall follow the* Second *and* Third Collects *at* Morning Prayer, *and the* Litany; *and immediately after the Prayer* We humbly beſeech Thee, *ſhall the following be added.*

O Almighty God, who haſt graciouſly manifeſted Thy mercy by reſtoring health to our Sovereign and gladneſs to Thy People; Grant, we beſeech Thee, that our preſent ſenſe of Thy great goodneſs to us, and the fervent affections which it hath kindled in our hearts, may never ſink into forgetfulneſs or ingratitude; but continually excite us to fulfil the purpoſes of this Thy gracious diſpenſation towards us by walking from henceforth in Thy holy Commandments. Perfect, we pray Thee, this Thy mercy to Thy Servants; continue to us Thy Bleſſings, and enable us to profit under them, as becometh a People thankful for Thy loving-kindneſs. Protect Thy Religion eſtabliſhed amongſt us, unſhaken by Infidelity and uncorrupted by Superſtition, and aſſiſt us to obey its laws in the ſpirit of Piety and Holineſs. Maintain, O Lord, the happy tranquillity with which

Thou haſt bleſſed us. Grant that our extended Commerce, and increaſing Riches which accompany it, and which ſhould be for our health, may not be unto us an occaſion of falling; and let the Peace which Thou haſt preſerved in our borders be ſanctified by the deſcent of Thy Peace into our hearts.

May we, who have been united in ſupplication to Thy mercy in the late Time of our affliction, and do now humbly join in giving thanks for that Thou haſt viſited and redeemed Thy People, be ſtill united in Brotherly Love and Chriſtian Charity; ſo that no Diviſions may diſturb the State or diſtract the Church, and that neither our ſinful Paſſions nor our private Intereſts may diſappoint Thy gracious Purpoſes towards Thy People.

Remember, we beſeech Thee, for good all thoſe our Brethren, who in foreign lands have offered up their Prayers for Thy Servants in the time of our Diſtreſs. Heal, O Lord, the breaches of Thy Holy Church, and enlighten thoſe who are in error with the Knowledge of Thy Truth; ſo that all Differences among Chriſtians being done away, we may come to a perfect agreement both in Faith and Virtue, and being built up together upon the foundation of the Apoſtles and Prophets into an holy Temple in the Lord, may ſerve Thee in Righteouſneſs and true Holineſs; and in thankful remembrance of Thy mercies may ever praiſe and magnify Thy Holy Name through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord and Saviour.

The Communion Service.

¶ *Immediately before the reading of the Epiſtle, ſhall theſe two Collects be uſed inſtead of the Collect for the King, and the Collect of the Day.*

" O Lord God, Merciful and Gracious," *&c.*

" O God, whoſe Providence," *&c.*

As in the Morning Prayers.

¶ *The Epiſtle.* Rom. XI. *Ver.* 33. *to* XII. *Ver.* 3.

O The depth of the riches both of the wiſdom and knowledge of God! how unſearchable are his judgements, and his ways paſt finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counſellor? or who hath firſt given to him, and it ſhall be recompenſed to him again? for of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. I beſeech you there-

therefore, brethren, by the Mercies of God, that ye preſent your bodies a living ſacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reaſonable ſervice. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.

¶ *The Goſpel.* John IV. *Ver.* 46 *to* 54.

SO Jeſus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman whoſe ſon was ſick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jeſus was come out of Judea into Galilee, he went unto him and beſought him that he would come down and heal his ſon: for he was at the point of death. Then ſaid Jeſus unto him, Except ye ſee ſigns and wonders ye will not believe. The nobleman ſaith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. Jeſus ſaith unto him, Go thy way: thy ſon liveth. And the man believed the word that Jeſus had ſpoken unto him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his ſervants met him, and told him, ſaying, Thy ſon liveth. Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend: and they ſaid unto him, Yeſterday at the ſeventh hour the fever left him. So the father knew that it was at the ſame hour, in the which

Jeſus ſaid unto him, Thy ſon liveth: and himſelf believed, and his whole houſe.

¶ *Then ſhall follow the* Nicene Creed; *and after that the Sermon.*

¶ *In the Offertory ſhall this ſentence be read.*

LET your light ſo ſhine before Men, that they may ſee your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.

¶ *After the Prayer* for the whole State of Chriſt's Church, *this Collect following ſhall be uſed:*

" O Almighty Lord, and everlaſting God," *&c.*

" The Peace of God," *&c.*

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